Title: Reference made to the passing away of Shri Sunil Kumar Mahato, a sitting member of 14th Lok Sabha on 04.03.2007.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the tragic demise of one of our distinguished colleagues Shri Sunil Kumar Mahato, who was assassinated on 4 March, 2007 when he was attending a sports event in his constituency at Baguria in East Singhbhum District of Jharkhand.

Shri Mahato was a sitting Member of the Fourteenth Lok Sabha representing Jamshedpur Parliamentary Constituency of Jharkhand.

A dedicated social and active political worker, Shri Mahato worked tirelessly for the uplift of the tribals. Through his interventions in the House, he vigorously championed the cause of the tribals and other deprived sections of the society.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Mahato actively campaigned for the creation of the State of Jharkhand. He was associated with the social, cultural and religious activities of the people of the State and was a leading figure of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha.

An avid sports enthusiast he took keen interest in the promotion of games and athletics.

The tragic assassination of Shri Mahato is being and should be condemned by all sections of the people of the country. A life of promise of a Member of Parliament has been extinguished by senseless violence, seriously affecting the proper functioning of our democratic institutions and also creating insecurity and law and order problems.

Shri Sunil Kumar Mahato passed away at the young age of 41 years when he fell to the bullets of the assassins.

We deeply mourn the untimely demise of our colleague caused by a dastardly crime and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolence to the bereaved family.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

**11.01 hrs.**

*The Members then stood in silence for a short while.*

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MR. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, 7th March, 2007 at 11.00 a.m.

**11.03 hrs.**

## The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

*on[r1] Wednesday, March 7, 2007/Phalguna 16, 1928 (Saka).*

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[r1] Friday, March 10, 2000/Phalguna 20, 1921 (Saka).